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Meet Our **New Editor**

When the executive brethren met with the District Presbytery Aug. 19, important business waiting their consideration was the appointment of an editor for our District organ, the Glad Tidings Magazine. It has been published since 1921, and owned and operated since 1938 by the Northern California

Melvin Johnson, known to his many friends as "Bud" was the unanimous choice. Graduating from our own Bethany Bible College, then Glad Tidings Bible Institute, he took a fourth year at our headquarters school, Central Bible Institute. Bud comes back to take up a similar task to the one completed in 1954 when he served as editor of the College yearbook. During the intervening years he has been occupied in pastoral and evangelistic work and for a time as Youth Director at Bethel Temple in Sacramento under Pastor Clyde Henson.

Previous to his work as editor of the Tidings, Bud worked as staff member on earlier annuals. During his year in Springfield he contributed his talent toward C. B. I.'s yearbook, "The Cup," and also worked in the National C. A. Department.

Born in Longview, Washington, he has however lived most of his life in California. His present home is Santa Rosa.

L. Thomas Holdcroft, former Editor of the Glad Tidings, comments, "This young man comes to us with an appealing personality and quiet confidence. His tact, his devout spirituality has won him many friends. His resourcefulness, enterprise and efficiency will get the job done. We predict his success in the task assigned, and that his associates will find him a young man of high caliber and lofty principles."

Succeeding Paul Kienel, who has taken the position of Expiditor of Sunday School Publications in Springfield, Bud Johnson has been cordially welcomed in the Administration Building of the Northern California and Nevada District as the new Editor of the Glad Tidings Magazine.

Your consulting editor,

Harriet P. Wilson.



Cover

Picture

Rev. Charles Denton, National Sunday School Secretary, is greeted by Rev. Dave Colbert, District Sunday School Director at the San Francisco Airport. Rev. Denton was in the District making plans for the West Coast Regional Sunday School Convention.

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t has been said, "The future belongs to those who prepare for it."

In the swirl of the fast moving vents of our modern world the school eachers have been made to realize nat tomorrow's space men must first earn basic fundamentals. Consequentthe teacher's task is to help preare and guide the minds that one ay may pilot ships through space. Vhat a tremendous challenge this is. Ithough the world is concerned bout the future space travel and the nillions of dollars being allotted for arious scientific projects — the Sunlay Schools must not lose sight of the hallenge which is presented to it in his day of fast living and space talk.

This article is not being written to liscuss the possibility or probability of space travel but rather to help discover the principle of approach to a generation who in the next few years will be in the intense heat of a geographical, scientific and time chang-

ng era.

What can the church do about the approaching era — deny it? No, we nust begin our quest of indoctrinating our people that will anchor them ast to the unmovable foundation — Christ our Lord.

The spiritual future of our oncoming generation must predominantly be the concern of our present pentecostal

generation.

There is no greater avenue through which you may work to help prepare people spiritually for the future than the Christian education program of your church.

Christian education in our churches primarily involves the Sunday School. And the Sunday School is no strong-

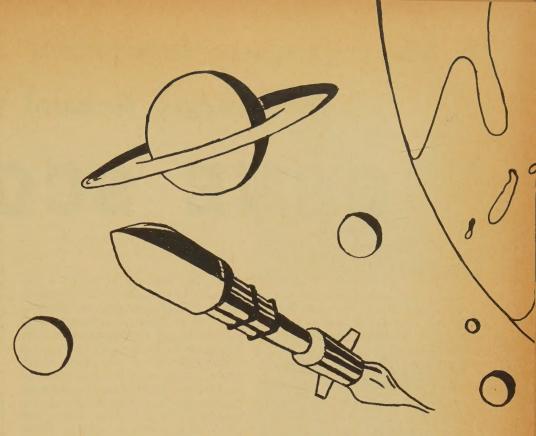
er than the teaching staff.

The basic Bible fundamentals are essential to a life that will be able to withstand the conglomoration of ideas and theories that may be just ahead.

Where does the quest begin? It begins with the youngest person that enters the classroom door. We no longer meet nursery pupils or adults with the gay nineties approach. Our teachers must face the realities of this age, and meet each pupil with a definate and positive answer to his inquiry. Our planning and vision now, will determine the fate of the coming generation of young people. Should we fall asleep now, we will wake to a multitude of young people lost to the cause of Christ.

With the Sputnik in the air and a searching within, the pupils of our Sunday School lean heavily upon the pastor and teacher, hoping to find where the quest for peace and joy be-

ins.



Where Does the QUEST Begin?

by Dave Colbert

We read in the Scripture of seven hundred left-handed men who were experts in the use of the sling (Judges 20:16). By constant practice these men had learned to co-ordinate so perfectly the use of eye and hand that "everyone could sling stones at an hair-breadth, and not miss." The marvel of that wonderful skill was not so much in the masterly throw, but in the perfect aim.

It is necessary that teachers have a definate aim or objective. Aimlessness in teaching produces restless and indifferent pupils. Pupils in the hands of aimless teachers neither learn how to understand the complexities of modern problems or unite the problem with the source of all knowledge—the Bible.

Our primary aim throughout the

entire Sunday School program is to lead each pupil to Christ and to a knowledge of God's will for his life. When teachers have an aim, it gives direction and destination to our thoughts and activities. Teaching with an aim, implies that the teacher has thought through with a definate purpose. This kind of teaching pays off in preparing pupils for the quest.

Teaching with an aim provides courage and confidence. As the mountain climber keeps his eyes turned toward the peek he purposes to conquer, he too must have the heart to pass through the intervening valleys. So the teacher, with his gaze fixed on a distant aim, has courage and energy in the face of great obstacles to press on until final success crowns his efforts of helping others to begin the quest of dedication to God.

A Photographic Interview

on Sunday School with

GENE SCOTT

Dr. Scott, a Stanford University graduate, has made Christian education a special study for a number of years. His work in the field of Sunday School has benefited many churches in our District.

QUESTION: Do you believe it is fair to ask a teacher to visit every absentee every week?

SCOTT: No. It is not possible for a teacher to always live up to this ideal. There are many psychological studies which prove conclusively that when you set goals for workers beyond the possibility of attainment you end up with workers that do less than they would otherwise. It seems to me that a wiser procedure is to recognize that the mass of absentees can be handled with a simple routine of letters and phoning that will stabilize them almost as well as an actual visiit. I have done some experimenting that has proven this to me. The old formula that a visit is 80 per cent effective, a phone call 60 per cent effective, a letter 40 per cent, etc., has never been proven, and consistent research will

prove the contrary in many cases. Thus, if the majority of the absentees can be stabilized through phoning and letters, time is conserved for teachers to put their energies in visits only where it is needed the most. I would recommend a pattern which requires contacting the general mass of absentees through cards and letters up through the second and third consecutive absence. Make them visit when they reach a danger point, which can be drawn at the fourth or fifth absence. Then, eliminate from this general group those which can be called "casuals;" for they waste the teacher's time in running after them, because they come only on Easter and Christmas and every contest. By such a program you have saved the teacher's time, given them a program that is possible to attain, and thus motivated them. I might add this, the average church consumes all of the working time of it's teachers just following up absentees, many of which don't need to be followed with an actual visit. If a more workable plan which saves time, such as the one we

have suggested, can be found; then a third of the present working time of the average staff member could be conserved in order to visit prosspects, which is the only true way of building a Sunday School.

QUESTION: What are your qualifications for a teacher?

SCOTT: I don't think I can give in detail the list of qualifications, for these would be determined by the local situation and worked out jointly by administration and staff. The starting point for an answer though, is the absolute recognition that teaching is a privilege and a stewardship before God. Also, a committal to take certain obligations willingly, and that they are not doing the church a favor by their service, but that they have an obligation that must be fulfilled before God. From this basic foundation, add only this, a recognition that we are trying to develope all of our pupils toward an ideal, that might be called the Christian ideal man. This ideal, everyone will recognize, contains such habits and behaviors as faithfulness in church attendance, stewardship in tithing, ethical behavior as lacking in a critical attitude. Unless the teacher exemplifies in his life the ideals we except to bring out in the pupil he would be better off not even attempting to teach. So, the qualifications would be first, a recognition that we have an obligation, that part of that obligation is the living of the ideals we are trying to teach the pupil, and then sitting down to-gether and constructively defining the elements of the ideal for which



"It is not possible for a teacher to always live up to this ideal." ve are striving. We ought then to have some statement of the ideals and a consistent check to determine if we have falling short.

QUESTION: Is a bus a wise investment in building a Sunday School?

SCOTT: There is no doubt that in some areas a bus will increase attendance. But, it must be recognized that he majority of those that make up the increase will be children. The arguments against a bus will be that it excuses parents from their responsibility and conveys an attitude that people are doing God a favor by going to church, rather than fulfilling an obligation they ought to do themselves. Nevertheless I have seen some situations where the attitude of the past was beyond help and the children still represent eternal souls for the kingdom. My personal conviction is that I will run the risks of the associated evils of a bus to get the kingdom to children who don't know the value of the gospel, but will come with the opportunity of a bus. In actual dollars and cents I feel a bus does not pay for itself, because children without their parents never support a school enough to pay for the investment. But, if you think of the investment in terms of eternal souls I am willing to run the risk.

QUESTION: What do you think of Sunday School contests?

SCOTT: If they are used with clearly seen purposes I like them. No Sunday School grows without a reservoir of prospects that is consistently worked by faithful workers. A contest is only one means, and there are many others, of gaining a reservoir of new prospects for the workers to follow up and work. It is a useful tool that gains new prospects, that no other tool can gain, for these two reasons. First, there are some on the fringe in every church congregation who will never work because of a dedication to God, but must be motivated by some gift or the competition in a contest. Even though it may be tragic that we have to do this to get them to work, the focus is on the prospects gained. Those who are motivated by the contest are helping to provide the reservoir of prospects that real dedicated workers will subsequently bring into the church. Secondly, I know it is true that some people will respond to an invitation when it is tied in with a contest or the winning of a gift, and will come when no other appeal will win them. Since we can't expect the outsider to know the value of the Gospel I am willing to use these

extrinsic means to get them inside that we might then win them to the Gospel. The danger of a contest is using it only as a stopgap measure, because of a distorted conception that the only criterion of success in a Sunday School is constant increase in numbers. If the only way a church can grow is through constantly whipped up contests, then the contest is a stopgap measure of this means. But, if before the contest you have a staff of dedicated workers who see that the purpose of the contest is to give them an added reservoir of prospects and they will work those prospects when the contest is over, then I'd use one.

QUESTION: Should a class offering be counted in class?

SCOTT: I don't think so. It is distracting to count it in the class room and it wastes time. I do not see any need to record it there. It is usually counted over again in the department for the summary records from the deparmtent or in a small school the summary record is adequate recording for each class. Furthermore, the only reason for the counting in the classroom is the desire of the class to know how much is given for motivation or planning purposes. If this amount is needed, the one who counts it in the department or the whole school can return to the classroom with the amount written on a slip, and give it to the teacher. I think the distraction of actually counting in the class should be avoided.

QUESTION: What about setting specific ages in adult classes?

SCOTT: This requires some background for an answer. Many of our churches face the problem of several adult classes each of which are teaching the same thing and have no defining characteristic except that each has a separate teacher. People are free to go where they please and as a result some classes raid other classes and the majority of the pupils vassalating around the most popular teacher. Such a condition usually results in hurt feelings and controversy. The only way it can be avoided is by applying the grading principle. By that, I mean each class must have a definite purpose which makes it distinct from every other class. Or must have definite characteristics that limit it's attendance as distinct from any other class. The age level grouping is only one attempt to overcome the difficulties mentioned above and giving distinction to adult classes. Personally I dislike this pattern of grading adults.

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Mary Ann Wilkerson speaks to a group as Jerry Hare, Storymobile maintainence man, stands by.



Maxine Mitchell, Education Director, vi the gospel puppets at the California State F

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STORYMOBILE

Story

by Maxine Mitchell

A Unique Approach To Child Evangelism

arly this year, Bethel Temple's Educational Department began plans for a Child Evangelism ministry that would reach the unchurched children of Sacramento, California. This church realized that in our age of television and high-powered promotion, it is a real task to get the attention of children long enough to give them the gospel. The men of the church constructed the Storymobile to accomplish this purpose.

The Storymobile is a walk-in panel truck covered by a colorful storybook style house. Its blue curved roof is attractively trimmed with white scalloped edges. The pink walls extend down to about 18 inches of green grass with vari-colored flowers painted on the bottom edge. Its unique design makes most of the people passing by look twice.

The back of the truck folds down from the top, forming a platform from which rear projected filmstrips are displayed, and flannel-graph stories are given.

On one side is a removable wooden window through which hand puppet plays are presented.

The Storymobile contains a public address system with four built-in speakers, an amplifier with a four-speed record player, and two lapel mikes with 25 feet cords. This equipment may be hooked onto regular 110 house voltage or to the 6 volt storage battery. This renders the mobile useful for many purposes such as parades, picnics, or open air services of any kind.

The ministry of the Storymobile began at the California State fair in August where it was viewed by 150,000 people. An estimated 10,000 guests sat down long enough to hear the message of the "Gospel Puppets." About 15,000 pieces of literature were given out by the seventy-three Bethel Temple people who served as monitors during fair time.

Free "Storymobile Secret Whistles" are used as bait to get names and ad-

dresses for Sunday School prospects. In order to get the free whistles each child must give his name, address, and the Sunday School he attends on the free Storymobile whistle coupon. If no Sunday School is indicated, a member of the Storymobile team visits the home with an invitation to Bethel Temple.

Each Saturday, since the State fair, the Storymobile team has been making a census of the Sunday School bus routes. The whistle coupons are distributed to the children who in turn go to the Storymobile and turn their coupon in for the whistles.

On September 14th, the Storymobile was demonstrated over the television facilities of Sacramento's Channel 10. The channel estimated a viewing audience of a quarter million people since the program followed the Big League baseball network telecast.

Future plans are being made for Storymobile hours in various neighborhoods. These "clubs" will reach hundreds of children who go to no Sunday School.

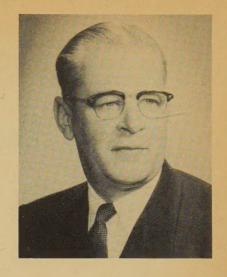
HRILLING REPORTS OF

New Church Promotion Activities



by R. A. WILSON

Assistant Superintendent



added to our Home Missions Deartment which was named New Church Promotion. The basic idea was to create a loan fund which could e used to finance the building of ew churches under the direction of the Home Missions Committee.

This fund received a gift of \$10,000 to start it. Money in smaller mounts was received throughout the District and the program was under vay. Since then the fund has grown y donations. There has also developed a plan of receiving loans to build p this fund. A number of our people who have a few hundred dollars laid way have loaned to this fund. Their noney will be returned to them on equest but, in the meantime it is being used to build for God.

Fine Church at Enterprise

The first project to receive benefit from this fund was the community of Enterprise, a growing area near dedding, California. Under the leader-nip of Andrew Fliflet, a fine church uilding was erected. The building was refinanced by a local bank and the money from New Church Promoon (NCP) came back into the fund.

roject at Northland

The next project was Northland. ICP and Church Extension Fellowhip (CEF) worked together in this hurch. CEF is a donation to the hurch and does not have to be paid ack. However, no CEF "call" has een enough to fully finance any prolect. So, funds from NCP have been sed to take up where CEF stops.

When Northland was completed money was borrowed at a local bank and NCP money was paid back into the fund. Under the leadership of Brother William Vickery this church is steadily growing.

Fremont Near Completion

Fremont is also a project where both funds were used. The new church at Fremont is at the point of completion. Dedication is set for September 28. Money received through CEF will remain in the project. Arrangements have been made to refinance the NCP funds that were used in the project. Brother Paul Radley is to be commended for the fine work he has done in Fremont.

South Sacramento Project

The South Sacramento Church is in the process of construction. Both CEF and NCP funds are being used for this construction. The project should be finished this fall. Brother Leslie Ellsworth is the pastor and builder in South Sacramento.

Building at Winnemucca

A building is under construction in Winnemucca, Nevada. This work was started by the Nevada Section but it was necessary for them to have help. The Home Missions Committee decided that NCP funds should be used there. Our constituency was asked to make loans through NCP at camp meeting time. As a result, enough was received so the church there is under construction. Brother V. T. Eldridge spent the summer months supervising the construction. Brother and Sister

M. A. Caudill have laid a solid foundation and we believe that with a building they will be able to establish a good church in Winnemucca.

A Start at lone

Another new building is going up in the town of Ione. This is a joint project of the Home Missions Committee and the Christ's Ambassadors. The C.A.'s have a fund from their Speed-the-Light program. A percentage of undesignated Speed-the-Light money is returned to the District to be used for building churches in Home Missions areas. The District C. A. executive committee has decided to use these funds to build a church in Ione. Ione is the home of the Preston School of Correction — a very fitting place for our C.A.'s to build a place where Christ is preached. L. R. Anderson is supervising this building program. Brother and Sister Truvon Rogers are the pastors.

Livermore Next

The next town in line for our Home Missions building program is Livermore, a very fast growing community. The government has located several large projects in this area. Brother and Sister John Green have been working in this area about 18 months. They are at present holding services in a building that is too small for growth, and even this will not be available for very long. We hope to see a good building in this area within the next few months. A CEF "call" will go out this fall for Livermore. Please be prepared to send your two dollars to help build this new church.

Practical Sunday School Training is the Aim at Bethany

"I think that Bethany should train our youth for active, practical work in our Assemblies." These were the words of Brother Fred Greve, chairman of the Christian Education department at Bethany as he was interviewed recently.

Asked specifically what he meant, Brother Greve continued. "I always felt robbed when I went to a Bible school and was graduated knowing nothing about the skills that went into church work. As a result I have determined that our work here at Bethany should be realistic and practical."

Evidently this is true. Students in the classes Brother Greve teach not only "hear" about Sunday school, they DO something. Boys and girls alike, who take his classes learn to make handwork, woodwork, and craft objects for VBS work later. It is a rather pleasing sight to see ten or fifteen young ladies with coping saws in hand, sawing, sanding, and painting. Others bury their hands in the



It will help the church to develop a more systematic approach to the varied financial needs presented, and will eventually eliminate the need for many of these appeals.

By reporting all offerings to ministries outside the local church, the Cooperative Plan will enable churches to have a clearer idea of its scope of ministry.



gooey ingredients of paper mache. In other classes students cut dupli-

cator stencils and run mimeograph



machines. They have to plan a church bulletin and carry it through to com-(Continued on Page 18)



MINISTERIAL CHANGES

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Smith River Trinidad

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J. S. Murrell (ord) Grace E. Murrell (ord) K. R. Kamp (ord) Earl L. Ayres (ord) Roberta M. Ayres (ord) Glen H. Parker (ord) Coy H. Nicholson (ord) Retha Nicholson (ord) Bruce Yorke (ord) Frank W. Smith (ord) Ralph W. Gaither (ord) R. J. Blair (ord) A. E. Robeck (ord) Earl L. Wolpole (ord) Mack Lancaster (ord) James Wilson (ord) Wm. Skondeen (ord) M. E. Dodds (ord) Robert D. Sinner (lic) Charles F. Baldwin (lic) John R. Ehrhardt (lic) Eugene Ness (lic) Clarence L. Myers (ord) **OUT-GOING PASTOR**

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Wayne L. Paul Charles A. Tuttle

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IN-COMING PASTOR

A. L. Lewis Charles A. Eddings Verlyn M. Skore Virgil & Mrs. Sampson **Earl Ayres**

Chuck Finley Danell Bean

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AT NEW HIGH



Priscila Wilson, the sixth child of the R. A. Wilson's to attend BBC, is registered by Ruth Ann Ried. Rev. and Mrs. Wilson are also graduates of Bethany, then

Bethany's enrollment has gone over the top to set a new record never before reached in the history of the Colege. The total Fall enrollment is 237! This is the highest for any one semester since the College began in 1919.

The record until now was 233 which was during 1935. This year's total also marks a high point in a period of steady growth during the last few

1954	-	-	-	-	-	153
1955	-	-	-	-	-	203
1956	-	-	-	20	-	209
1957	-	-	-	-	-	217
1958	-	-	-	-	-	237

Of these 237 students, 110 are Freshmen, 72 are Sophomores, 34 make up the Junior class and 21 are Seniors. This also makes the largest Senior class since the addition of the fourth year program in 1954.

The College, however, is not without its growing pains. Every available room has been utilized for dormitory space in order to give students a place to live. The upstairs rooms of the boy's dormitory have been assigned to girls, and the displaced boys have been moved to the terraces. The result has been that badly needed office, guest room, and music practice room space has been curtailed.

Bethany's personnel is dreaming with increasing longing for the oftmentioned second dormitory. Even though the new student center, to be constructed this fall, will somewhat alleviate the crowding of the present. Bethany's current rate of growth calls for an increasingly enlarged vision for the years that lie ahead.

Living Endowment Report



LET'S FINISH THE JOB

By OLIVER L. FOTH

Chairman of B.B.C. Finance Committee

The response to the Campaign to secure \$3,000.00 per month in pledges to "Bethany Bible College Living Endowment Fund" has been most gratifying. Since March 1st, when this effort was launched, 135 of our churches in this District have pledged \$1,155.00 per month to this fund. During 1957 only \$310.00 monthly support was given regularly to "Bethany" by 28 churches, so this represents a very substantial increase. How we have appreciated the willing work contributed by so many to make this project a success. Especially do we appreciate the untiring efforts of our District Presbyters and Pastors in endeavoring to enlist every church in the District to stand behind OUR Bible College.

HOWEVER, THE JOB IS NOT FINISHED YET! The Need is Still Very Urgent! Our Goal Remains the Same — "Every Church Contributing According To Its Ability!" If your church has not yet pledged to "Bethany Bible College Living Endowment," why not do so this very day. By doing your part, you will help lift this heavy financial strain from YOUR and OUR School.

HEAR... C. M. Ward

at the BAY CITIES MEN'S
FELLOWSHIP BANQUET
Ham Dinner Tickets \$2.00

Ham Dinner — Tickets \$2.00
Gospel Lighthouse
Palo Alto

October 28 -- 7:30 P. M.



Bethel Assembly of God in Oakland Purchases **Building**

Bethel Assembly of God has a long and colorful history. It was granted a charter by the State of California under the name of Bethel Tabernacle on Sept. 7, 1929. Prior to this the members worshipped in the old "Glory Barn" which was established by Rev. R. H. Moon.

When it became necessary for the church to move, the property at 1421 25th Ave. was purchased, and the name changed to the more appropriate Bethel Tabernacle. There were 100 charter members. Under Rev. Moon's leadership the church was accepted into the Assemblies of God in December, 1930. With the exception



of a few years Rev. Moon continued as pastor until he retired in January 1949 because of his health. One of the highlights of Rev. Moon's ministry, remembered by many in the Bay Area, was the annual Missionary Convention which he held.

Following the resignation of Rev. Moon, Rev. Willard Peirce was called to the pastorate. He served until his duties at G. T. B. I. made it impossible for him to continue as pas-

tor. Rev. Arthur Otteson accepted the pastorate upon the resignation of Rev.Peirce in January of 1951, and continued until Oct. 1954.

Rev. Jules Ballas, who had served as assistant to Rev. Otteson, served the church as interim pastor from October until June 1955 when Rev. Fulton W. Buntain accepted the pastorate. It was during Rev. Buntain's ministry that the ground work was laid which later culminated in the

WORLD CONFERENCE OF PENTECOSTAL CHURCHES



Pictured above is part of the group of Assemblies of God ministers from Northern California who attended the Fifth World Conference of Pentecostal churches. They are, bottom row, left to right, R. A. Wilson, Leonard Palmer, Joseph L. Gerhart; top row, left to right, James Swanson, R. J. Thurmond, and L. R. Keys.

This great meeting was held September 14-21, in the Coliseum Arena of Toronto, Canada. An estimated crowd of over 40,000 from 40 different countries attended. All of the Pentecostal churches of the world were represented by more than 6000 official delegates. Speakers on the program were government leaders of several countries, as well as church leaders from throughout the world. This was the first World Conference of Pentecostal Churches ever held in North America.





REV. AND MRS. EARL AYERS

purchasing of the property at 3618 Dimond Ave. Upon the resignation of Rev. Buntain Rev. Earl Ayres was called to the pastorate and under his leadership the move to the new location was accomplished.

Lillian Hipple, Church Secretary.

COMING EVENTS -

West Coast Regional Sunday School Convention

Stockton Memorial Auditorium April 28-30, 1959.

1959 District Council

Bethel Temple and Governors Hall

Feb. 23-27

Speaker: C. M. Ward.

1959 Bethany Park Camp

Santa Cruz

June 25 - July 5

Speakers: Arthur H. Graves, T. W.

Hardcastle, Jr.

1959 Mt. Lassen Camp

Mineral — July 1-12 Speakers: J. Robert Ashcroft, Paul

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Bunday School Department

DAVE COLBERT, Director

Contest Tips from Bud Booster



David vs Goliath

Submitted by Dwight Burchett Minister of Youth and Education Bethel Church San Jose

To increase Sunday School attendance and provide names of prospects for the Sunday School.

PLAN

A definate attendance goal is set for each department and class. A 10 per cent increase, or more, over the same period of the previous year is suggested. Have large cut-outs made depicting David and Goliath. Place a set in each classroom or department meeting room, and one extra large set in the main auditorium.

All the cut-outs of David have a swinging arm. When the class beats their attendance goal someone in the class is allowed to swing his arm around showing that Goliath has been defeated. Goliath represents summer slump.

When a class defeats Goliath a crepe paper stone is placed in the classroom indicating a victory for David. If the entire department defeats Goliath a stone is placed in the department meeting room. If any one class fails, this holds back the entire department in reaching its goal. In the main auditorium a stone is displayed each Sunday showing the attendance for that Sunday.

PROMOTION

Skits can be used in Sunday School portraying the story of David and Goliath. The church bulletin can publicize this by showing what David needs in order to defeat Goliath the next Sunday.

Any Sunday School, large or small, can very easily use this attendance building idea. A variation of this could be to make the department or class that failed to reach their goal host the life size figure of Goliath for a week.

NOVEMBER IS COUNSELLOR MONTH — Recognizing that effective Sunday Schools are the result of efficient and qualified teachers, the Sunday School Counsellor is making a concerted drive toward placing "a Counsellor in the hands of every Sunday School worker." This magazine of Sunday School show how will make better workers for better Sunday Schools.

The Northern California and Nevada District now leads in subscriptions to the Counsellor but we still do not have a Counsellor for every worker, so that means we must either increase our order for Counsellors or begin to take them for the faithful workers of our schools.

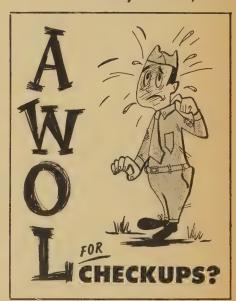
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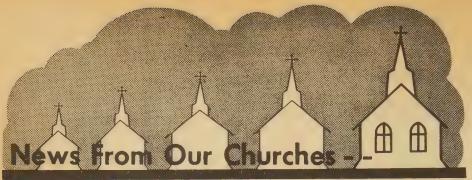
- At your next teachers conference have a quiz on some of the articles found in the counsellor.
- Have some of the workers report on an article of special interest.
- Have a Counsellor secretary take ideas from the Counsellor and file them for future use.

Invest in Improvement -Give every worker a counsellor. Use the Quarterly Order Guide.



Paying honor to whom honor is due in your Sunday School is the objective of the Gold Crown Workers Fellowship. The Gold Crown Workers Fellowship is a new program initiated by the National Sunday School Department which gives recognition to all the deserving Sunday School workers. The Gold Crown Workers Fellowship gives recognition in four different catagories: The general superintendents, the departmental superintendents, teachers and secretaries. Workers are graded on their attendance at Sunday School, Church and Workers conferences as well as their participation in workers training, promptness at Sunday School personal evangelism and other activities related to their positions. A certificate of achievement is awarded to each worker earning a minimum of 80 credits for the Sunday School year. A maximum of 100 credits is possible. Those workers who earn the certificate of achievement are entitled to wear a Gold Crown Workers Fellowship pin which has the number of years the worker has earned this award. This program will operate according to the Sunday School year, October through September.

The goal for our district is to have a Gold Crown Workers Fellowship in operation in every Sunday School. This program is geared to increase the efficiency of our workers and schools resulting in the increase of the kingdom of God. If your Sunday School has not as yet ordered the materials necessary—order now from the Gospel Publishing House, 434 West Pacific St., Springfield 1, Missouri.



AUBURN -

The Capitol Section C. A. Rally was held Aug. 25 at the Auburn Fairgrounds. Ruth and Eddie Washington brought the music and message.

CARMICHAEL -

Recent guests were Evangelist Joe Williams and Director Paul Johnson with Southern California Bible College Musical Ambassadors. Lionel Suter is pastor.

EUREKA -

Bethel Assembly had a Vacation Bible School in August under the direction of Aimee Main. The Sunday School has shown an attendance boost in all departments. The pastor is H. C. Lafferty.

LODI -

First Assembly enjoyed a Youth Revival with Evangelist Eddie Kramer Sept. 7-14. Special speakers recently were Pastor Bob Pirtle at a Worker Conference and Norman Campbell brought a missionary message. The Campbells are to leave for Venezuela. The pastor is Gene Forrest.

LOYALTON -

Pastor Bradford Wilmoth reports the revival meeting held in April with Warren Parker and Billie Young resulted in several being saved. In July Ruth and Joyce Jackson from Allen,



Oklahoma continued the revival with more conversions. The Lassen Plumas Fellowship Meeting on Aug. 4 heard Pastor Shaw in the afternoon and District Superintendent Leonard Palmer in the evening.

MODESTO -

South Assembly Pastor J. N. Sandlin announces Evangelist Orvil Painter began meetings in Winston, Oregon with Pastor Alvin Dunn.

NORTH HOLLYWOOD -

Pastor Wesley Steelberg spoke for the Sectional C. A. Rally in Covina Aug. 25.

OAKLAND -

Calvary Temple guest speakers recently were Dean May Swanson of Bethany Bible College and former pastor Earnest Shores now ministering in Phoenix, Ariz. The annual C. A. Banquet was held Sept. 6 with Walt Boring speaker. The Cordsman from Fresno were guests on Sept. 14. Oliver Foth is pastor.

OAKLAND -

First Assembly of God has experienced a special outpouring on their young people. During the first three Sundays in August ten received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit and many more were refilled. On Sept. 7, eleven churches of the East Bay Section met for a special Singspiration. Dr. Henry Ness is pastor.

OLIVEHURST -

Evangelist Sammy Klien held a three-weeks meeting with Pastor Searl W. Stover recently. Some were saved, healed and tobacco habits broken. The attendance was excellent and revival spirit still prevails.

SAN FRANCISCO -

Glad Tidings Temple enjoyed a week of teacher training with Dr. Gene Scott in August. The pastor is Donald Lehmann.

QUINCY -

Guest speakers for Pastor M. M.

ing, and on September 7 Evangelist:
Warren Parker came to Quincy for a youth revival.

SUSANVILLE —
Pastor Don North and the Assembly worse books to Lassen Plumas Sier.

York on August 31 were R. A. and Mrs. Wilson. September 2 Iva Marlene began a week of Teacher Train-

Pastor Don North and the Assembly were hosts to Lassen-Plumas-Sierra Fellowship Meeting Sept. 1. The Nevada Section was special guest for the day. Three services were held. Ruth Gilbert, WMC Sectional Director, conducted the morning meeting with Iva Marlene and Harriet Wilson speaking. Presbyter York was in charge of the afternoon service when Presbyter Hubert Rannels spoke. In the evening Ruben A. Wilson was the speaker. The local church served dinner in the school cafeteria.

NORTHLAND -

The report comes from Pastor William Vickery, "We have had a successful Vacation Bible School with 74 graduating." He also writes that, "Sunday School has held up through the month of August with an average of 58, and the back-to-school Sunday attendance was 88." In October Rev. Roy Blakely of Modesto conducted an excellent Kids Crusade. Attendance reached as high as 103.

POINT ARENA -

The Lake-Mendocino Section Fellowship Meeting was conducted September 8th reports Presbyter J. R. Edgar. Frank Horn was the host pastor. Mrs. Mabel Corning of Lakeport spoke in the afternoon. Lowell Middleton of Laytonville brought the evening message. The Church served a delicious chicken dinner to all who attended.

SAN JOSE -

Bethel Church Men's Fellowship dinner held Aug. 25 had District President Walt Hanson as guest speaker. A recently held D.V.B.S. had an enrollment the first week of 237. Tom Sutton is pastor.

SAN JOSE - CALVARY -

Calvary Temple honored their pastors Rev. and Mrs. T. Kermit Jeffrey Aug. 23 with a dinner in the church social hall. Their wedding anniversary was the occasion.

SANTA ROSA -

Associate pastors Bob and Dorothy Mahaffy were farewelled Aug. 31. After serving two years with former pastor L. R. Anderson and present pastor Adrian Benning, they are continuing their college work at Sacramento State in September. They will reside in Sacramento.

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W.M.C. Activities

GOLDIA ANDERSON, President



WHO ARE THE MISSIONETTES?

RELATION TO THE WMC

Missionettes is an auxiliary of the Vomen's Missionary Council and is ponsored by the national, district and ocal WMC's.

MBLEM

The emblem incorporates the purose and heart of the club. The "M" s used as a symbol of the name — MISSIONETTES. The emblem itself uggests four things: a cross, a beaon, a star, and a weathervane.
The symbol of:

a cross suggests their MESSAGE the Christ of the cross.

a beacon beams the way - and through their MANNER of living they become guiding lights.

a star is significant because of its



Miss Gather (seated) discusses organizaon with Miss Flores.

relationship to the birth of Christ, the hope of the world, and reminds them that through their MINISTRY of service and material aid they can give hope and encouragement.

weathervane, pointing north, south, east, and west, serves as a constant reminder that their MISSIONFIELD includes both home and foreign lands.

HOW TO ORGANIZE

1. Order material from the National Vomen's Missionary Council Departnent, 434 W. Pacific Street, Spring-ield, Missouri. You will need Mission-tte "Memos" (2 copies) one for sponor and one for Missionette president.

2. You may apply for membership as soon as you desire. Send the application for membership card with one dollar to the National WMC Department. Your group certificate will be sent and individual membership cards for each of your members. The Missionette pledge appears on the membership cards.

MATERIALS

1. Missionette Memos

Missionette Memos is the quarterly booklet prepared for Missionette meetings. It is designed for use by the sponsor and president of the local Missionette Club. This quarterly publication contains:

A suggested order of the club meet-

Devotional material for six meetings. (It is suggested that the Missionette Club meet twice a month).

Suggestions for projects and activi-

Names and address of the teenage children of missionaries.

A suggested book list for Missionette reading.

All current information, changes, new ideas, and other items of interest will appear from time to time.

The devotions (lessons) are biog-



The Missionettes of Northern California and Nevada are happy to adopt Miss Rye, missionary to Jamaica. That help to supply the awards for her Sunday School work and also her personal needs. Helen said in a recent letter, "Imagine, Missionettes, what a wonderful opportunity we have to minister together for Christ."

raphies and true stories of our own Assemblies of God missionaries. The girls will be urged to correspond with the teen-age missionaries of a specific field as they are studying that field.

2. Missionette Group Cartificate A certificate of membership will be sent to the Missionette Club which has applied to the National WMC office for membership - membership fee is one dollar for entire group.

3. Membership Cards

Individual membership cards are available free — one for each member of the club. These will be sent only to organized groups which have a certificate of membership.

4. Missionette Pins

The Missionette emblem is the design of the Missionette pin. It is a beautiful, polished yellow gold pin. Price is \$1.00 each.

5. Missionette Record Book

This is a unique record book. It has space for records of the club for one entire year. There is a section for the secretary to record the special minutes of the club meetings for one year. The secretary will only have to write the list of names in the book once for the whole year. Price \$1.00. (Records for one year).



Brother and Sister James Baker from Formosa send this picture and greetings to all our WMC groups. The "Little Four" as the Chinese say, arrived last January 21st. Her name is Linda Joyce. Sister Baker writes, "Pray that we will keep fit physically and spiritually to meet every challenge and opportunity. When we read the news we wonder how long we will have to labor here."



RILEY AND FLOSSIE KAUFMAN -

After touring in Holland the Kaufmans are now itinerating in Switzerland with the assistance of Richard Ruff. They are to arrive on the east coast in October and come west before Christmas.

FORMOSA -

James and Marjory Baker write of the Taikuane Institute graduation. This is the third group of young people who have completed a three year course there. The new dormitory is nearly finished and will be ready for the conference of believers on the island. This is to be followed by a ten day Bible training course for the many workers unable to attend the regular school.

FIJI ISLANDS -

Adrian and Charlotte Heetebry,

Suva, report 70 baptized in the Holy Spirit and 76 in water. At least 18 have been saved. A hill is being evacuated and new building begun. The present building has been packed out.

EAST AFRICA -

Paul and Helen Bruton, Tanganyika request prayer —

Prayer for land to be granted as needed.

Pray for a ready acceptance by the people.

Pray for the right national workers to be available.

Pray for health and strength for the Bruton family.

SOUTH AFRICA -

Lewis and Lenore Wilson, Witbank, Transvaal began their teaching ministry at the South African Training School Aug. 18. Lewis shares an equal load with three other teachers and Lenore is having Sunday School administration which includes visual aid, teacher training, child evangelism and music. For the first time the school will have class schedules and a library. The death of a native child



occasioned the need of a casket which the father fashioned from boards used for crating the Wilson's furniture. It was covered with white sheeting and a tin cross nailed to the top.

SOUTH AMERICA -

Walter and Ruth Erickson, Peru, are finishing up their term on the field with special meetings, ministerial institute and the annual convention. They hope to reach the States soon after Oct. 1.

SOUTH AMERICA -

Bernard and Antonette Johnson Varginha, Minas, Brazil held services in the home of a converted witchdoctor with a packed-out house and yard Brother Johnson was approached by a business man while seeing friends off at the airport. Hungry for God and dissatisfied with his present life, he was given tracts and promised to meet the Johnsons at a nearby church. They request prayer for Dey Araujo, a converted radio singer and graduate of the Conservatory of Music in Sao Paulo. He wants to have a radio broadcast but lacks a sponsor.

CENTRAL AFRICA -

The H. B. Garlocks have changed their address to: Box 209; Lilongwe, Nyasaland; British Central Africa. They are living just outside Lilongwe while building a house in the town. Since leaving Dedza, they have held a number of revivals in which they report God's rich blessing.



The Activities of

CHURCH EXTENSION PLAN

in Our District

E. Wm. ANDERSON

I have been asked to write in this column on THE ACTIVITIES OF CHURCH EXTENSION PLAN in our Northern California-Nevada District. The following is a brief resume of the ministry of CEP.

There are over 40 churches in our District being helped through this program. However, several more churches, at present, are being processed for assistance. Also numerous others are interested in having CEP explained to them.

As of August 31, our District's total subscription account stands at \$283,-989.50. The total church loan figure is \$293,118.33.

The national figure for subscriptions stands at a total of \$2,836,599.21. The church loan account is \$2,720,517.61.

These figures emphasize the constant and consistent development of this program. It is sound in its position. The years have proven its stability. While growing slowly, it has laid a strong foundation. It has inspired the confidence of many banking institutions and lending agencies. The future usefulness of CEP to our churches should be great.

As CEP Representative I am happy to minister to you in this capacity. Letters may be addressed to me at the District Office (P. O. Box 961, Santa Cruz) or to my home address: 718 Laurent St., Santa Cruz. Home phone is GA 3-1325.

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MISSIONARIES AT HOME

By MARGARET BOND

ANDERSON -

Brother Wheeler Anderson will be itinerating in the Lake-Mendocino Section the first part of October. He will then be participating in missionary conventions in Richmond and Rio Dell after which he will itinerate briefly in the Redwood Section. He expects to be in the Peninsula Section the latter part of October and first of November.

DEMETRRUS -

Brother Paul Demetrus will be contacting the Sacramento Valley and Capitol Sections during the month of October and the first part of November with his film and the message of the great ministry of broadcasting behind the "iron curtain" in the Russian language.

ERICKSON -

The Walter Ericksons are making plans to return to the States early in October. They expect to bring with them the skin of a boa constrictor and will also have slides of interesting activities in South America.

GRANER -

Word has been received recently that Miss Lydia Graner is expecting

to return home from South India this fall.

HEADRICK -

Brother Harold Headrick from Hawaii is now home and will be making contacts with the churches of this District.

SONDENO -

Brother Fredolf Sondeno's presentation of the work in Japan and his ministry in broadcasting the Gospel is being well received. He will be ministering in the East Bay and North San Joaquin Sections during October. In November he expects to be in the Contra Costa and Central San Joaquin Sections.

TRIEMSTRA -

Mrs. Libia Triemstra from Lima, Peru, recently participated in a missionary convention in the Alisal Assembly of God in Salinas.

ZEISSLER -

During the month of October Brother Calvin Zeissler will be itinerating in the Contra Costa, Central San Joaquin Sections. He will also be participating in missionary conventions in Rio Dell and Sunnyvale.

Gene Scott Interview

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I would rather have one mixed adult class that follows the general lessons in the quarterly and is open to anyone who wishes to attend. The nature of the class being mixed and the general treatment of the lessons in the quarterly is appeal for that class. Every other adult class would have something that made it distinct from that general class in order to justify its existence. You could have some classes who have subject matter specialties, such as new converts classes, classes on cults, classes on personal evangelism. The nature of the subject determines the existence of that class and only those that are interested, need, or qualify for, need enter the class. Possibly another alternative would be to have some separate men's and women's classes. The nature of separation by sexes makes these classes so distinct that there can be no controversy. In my opinion the age level grouping is a step in the right direction in that it removes friction and confusion of many adult classes all trying to achieve the same purpose.

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MIDDLE EAST CRISIS -

Shortly following the Middle East risis the Rev. C. M. Ward prepared special bulletin on fulfillment of prophecy. Revivaltime requests for the bulletin have exceeded 30,000 and equests continue to come in.

EVANGEL ENROLLMENT -

Fall enrollment for the freshman lass at Evangel College is more than wice the figure of a year ago this north. Every indication is that total enrollment will run approximately 50, an unprecedented figure for a fiberal arts college only four years old.

COLLEGE MAGAZINE VAILABLE –

"Campus Ambassador," a college evel magazine published by the C.A. Department for students in non-Assemblies of God colleges, will be available to the general public for the first ime this fall. A yearly subscription ate of \$1 for four issues has just been dopted. College students whose addresses are received by the C.A. Department will continue to receive Campus Ambassador" without the continue to the continue

PRAYER MEETING -

Revivaltime will sponsor another world-wide prayer meeting on November 23. WMC groups across the nation are forming prayer bands in local churches to help pray for the thousands of requests coming in through Revivaltime ministry. Interested churches may contact the Radio Department for further information.

HOME MISSION GOAL -

The Assemblies of God Home Misions Department has set a goal of \$15 new churches for 1959. The goal was established during the August 29-30 meeting of District Home Misions Representatives in Springfield.

SPANISH MAGAZINE -

Ponder, the Spanish edition of the Pentecostal Evangel has grown in circulation in recent months. The November-December issue will be printed in colors for the first time.

NEW PAMPHLET -

A new pamphlet on the ministry to he blind has been prepared by the Home Missions Department. The folder gives information on the beginning and development of the literature ministry for the blind.

PRESIDENT ASHCROFT INAUGURATED

Dr. C. Hoyt Watson, President of Seattle Pacific College, Seattle, Wash., was guest speaker at inaugural proceedings in which the Rev. J. Robert Ashcroft was charged as President of Evangel College and Central Bible Institute. The installation took place Sept. 4, on the Evangel College campus.

The charge to the President was made by the Rev. Ralph M. Riggs, General Superintendent of the Assem-

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LLOYD B. WISE

Evangelist Lloyd B. Wise of Fullerton, California, a young man with a warm, sincere, and successful evangelistic ministry is open for calls in our District. They have their own trailerhouse for accommodations. I can commend them most highly to our brethren. Address: 820 W. Fern Drive, Fullerton, California.

Leonard Palmer



SAM KLEIN

For the last several months Evangelist Sam Klein has been ministering in the churches of our District. As a well known Christian Jew, his ministry has been especially well received. Brother Klein has been blessed as a pastor, evangelist, and Bible teacher. The churches in which he has held meetings report a true spiritual revival and results in salvation and healings. You may ocntact Evangelist Klein at: 2501 45th Ave.; Sacramento, California.

News from Our Churches (Continued from Page 12)

NORTH SACRAMENTO-NORTHGATE-

Pastor Paul McNeese sends a report of revival in Northgate Assembly of God. Brother Sam Klien brought messages which met the needs for salvation and healing each night. Brother and Sister Jack Thompson, also, recently conducted a Sunday School Revival. A new attendance mark of 208 was set.

SALINAS -

Alisal Assembly had a special meeting with Evangelist Maurice Evens in August. The W.M.C. added a rug and new furniture to the evangelist's apartment. Joe E. Wright is the pas-

TUOLUMNE -

Pastor Howard Davis reports a good meeting with Evangelist Wm. Travis in June and July. Since Jan. 1 there have been 13 baptized in water, 3 filled with the Spirit, 27 saved or reclaimed. The Sunday School is averaging about 20 higher than last year. Their V.B.S. was successful. Both morning and afternoon sessions were held for one week. Wm. Kirkpatrick and Mrs. Dixie Thollander supplied during the pastor's vacation. The church is in a building program at present.

KERMAN-ELIM -

Pastor Travis Baker reports God's blessing during a recent revival with Evangelist Ruth Jackson. She will be in the District for some time.

BORN TO -

Pastor and Mrs. Leonard Miller of Kelseyville – John Reed Miller, 9 pounds, one ounce.

Dave and Claudetta Neitz - an 8 pound girl on August 20th, Terre Lynne.

MARRIED -

Jeannette Kienel and Steven Asmuth on August 23rd at Calvary Tabernacle, Stockton.

Reverend Elvie C. Suttle went to be with the Lord Sunday, September 7th, in Fullerton, California. Brother Suttle had been a member of our District for a number of years. He transferred to the Southern California District in 1951.

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Practical Sunday School Training is Aim at Bethany

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pletion.

One of the projects of a course called "Christian Education Leadership" is to plan an enlargement campaign in full detail. This involves newspaper write-ups and newspaper ads and all other details of the work.

All of Brother Greve's teaching is directed to the Assemblies of God Sunday School approach with the National Sunday Standard being "must" information for all students.

"I was a pastor for fifteen years" concluded this energetic instructor, "and I sincerely feel that our present program in this vital area is going to equip workers to serve God as they work with pastors or become pastors upon graduation.'

It must be admitted that Bethany Bible College is doing an effective

NOTICE TO CANDIDATES FOR CREDENTIALS

All candidates for credentials are required to meet with the Credentials Committee of the section in which you reside. The date and place for each section is listed below. All committees will meet at t 10:30 a.m. There will also be an evening service beginning at 7:30.

- Oct. 7 Assembly of God, Sebastopol Neva & Huntley Sts.
- Oct. 8 Full Gospel Assembly, Lakeport East Fourth Street
- Oct. 9 Assembly of God, Rio Dell 101 Highway & Pacific Ave.
- Oct. 10 Assembly of God, Anderson Redding & South St.
- Oct. 13 Glad Tidings Assembly, Weed Center & Arbaugh
- Oct. 14 Assembly of God, Quincy 231 Lawrence St.
- Oct. 15 Assembly of God, Fallon, Nev. 125 East Street
- Oct. 16 First Assembly of God, North Sacramento 2665 Del Paso Boulevard
- Oct. 17 First Assembly of God, Walnut Creek 1756 Lacassie Avenue
- Oct. 21 Bethel Assembly, Oakland 3618 Dimond Avenue
- Oct. 22 Assembly of God, San Bruno 270 W. San Bruno Avenue
- Oct. 23 Full Gospel Church of Pajaro, Watsonville 505 San Juan Road
- Oct. 27 Grace & Truth Tabernacle, Kerman 2922 N. Madera Avenue
- Oct. 30 Bethel First Church, Modesto 15th and G Streets
- Oct. 31 East Side Assembly of God, 3040 E. Fremont Street

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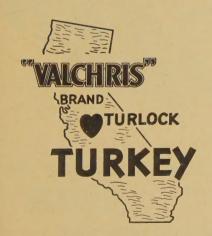
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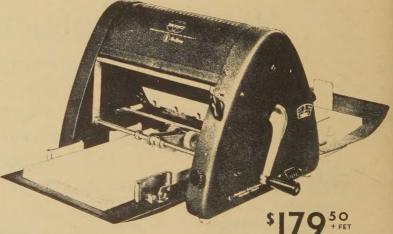
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